

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

EQ
8-2-02
#4
Pte A

In re Patent Application of:

Alan STEPHENSON

PCT/GB00/02298

International Filing Date: June 14, 2000

Filed in DO/US: December 17, 2001

SECURING PLUGS IN OVER-SIZED HOLES

December 17, 2001

Box PCT
Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Contemporaneously with the filing of the above-captioned patent application and prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following heading:

-- TITLE OF THE INVENTION --;

and

10009830-13101